

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Garrett of West Haddon Northamptonshire 1724.

I Thomas Garrett of West Haddon in the County of Northampton Yeoman being weak of body but of sound mind and memory make this my last will and testament as followeth

Imprimis I give and devise to my son Henry Garrett, his heirs executors administrators and assigns all my Messuages, Lands Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever both freehold and leasehold whereof I or any other in trust for one or to any Use are seised or possessed of my Estate of Inheritance for Life or Lives Term or Terms of years or otherwise situate at West Haddon or elsewhere (except part of my said estate as is or was held in joynture with Deborah my late wife which part of my estate of Inheritance shall go to my heir at law and his heirs). And I hereby devise to my said son Henry his heirs executors and administrators all my Tenant Rights of renewing the Lease or Leases now held at West Haddon aforesaid. And do authorise him to renew the said Lease or Leases in his own name but so as not to prejudice the Rights of my heir at law to such part of my said Lands as are contained in the said joynture.

Item I give and bequeathe unto my sons Thomas, William, Edward and John and to my daughters Mary Muscott, Ellinor Bridget and Deborah Aldridge one shilling a peice to be paid to them when legally demanded.

All the rest residue and remainder of my goods, chattels, debts, credits and personal estate whereof I shall die possessed I give and devise to my said Henry Garrett whom I make sole Executor of this my will hereby revoking all other wills by and heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal. This sixteenth day of April Anno Dom One Thousand Seven hundred and twenty two

His mark
Thomas Garrat

Signed Sealed and published by the
Testator as his last will in the presence
Of us who at his request and in his presence
And in the presence of each other have
Hereto set our hands as witnesses.

William Sharpe
Edward Parnell
Wm: Worcester

*N Will Thomas Garrett 10th october 1724. (5th Series book 7 folio 220)
Note the name Garrett is spelled in several different ways in these documents.*

Glossary

Imprimis- in the first place

Devise - to convey or bequeath land, as distinct from personal property.

Assigns - those to whom rights have been transmitted by particular title such as sale, gift or legacy.

Messuage - a term used in deed to signify a dwelling house and surrounding property, including outbuildings.

Tenements - originally any rented property. From 1702 came to describe the holdings of yeomen which were smaller than farms but larger than properties of cottagers.

Hereditament -anything that can be inherited. The term is commonly used in deeds to include anything not specifically mentioned.

Seised -implies physically taking possession of land or property.

Jointure - a fixed annual sum paid to a widow out of her husband's freehold estate until she remarried or died.

Shilling a piece - adult children may have been provided for at marriage, a common safeguard if a widow should remarry and property pass to the new husband.

Thomas Garratt of Westhaddon in the County of Northampton being weak of Body but of Sound Mind and Memory make this my last Will and Testament as followeth Inprimis I give and Devise to my Son Henry Garratt of his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assignes All my Houses and Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever both freehold and Leasehold whereof I or any other in Trust for me or to my Use are now Seignior or possessor of any Estate of Inheritance or for Years or Years Term or Terms of years or otherwise Situate in Westhaddon or elsewhere (Except such part of my said Estate as is or was Settled in Joynture on Deborah my late Wife which part of my Estate I intend shall go to my Heirs at Law & his Heirs) And I hereby Devise to my said Son Henry his Heirs Executors & Heirs all my Tenant Right of renewing the Lease or Leases I now hold at Westhaddon aforesaid. And do authorize him to renew the said Lease or Leases in his own Name but so as not to prejudice the Right of my Heirs at Law to such part of my said Lands as are contain'd in & by Joynture.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Sons Thomas — William Edward and John Garratt, and to my Daughters Mary Muscott, Ellinor Bridget, & Deborah Aldridge, one Shilling a piece to be paid to them when Legally Demanded

All the rest residue & Remainder of my Goods Chattels Debts Credits and personall Estate whosoever I shall now possess I give and Devise to my said Henry Garratt whom I make sole Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seale this Sixteenth day of April Anno Dni One Thousand Seven hundred & ninety two.

Signed Sealed & published by the Testator at his last Will in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto Set our Hands as witnesses.

William Clarke
Edward Barnet

His mark
Thomas Garratt

Inventory of Goods of Thomas Garratt farmer.

A true Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattells and personall Estate That Thomas Garratt of West Haddon in the County of Northton yeoman deceased died possessed of taken and Aprised this 25th of Sept 1724 by us whose Names are hereunto Subscribed Aprisors.

	£	s	d
Imp: his Wearing Aparell and Money in his pocket --	1	10	00
It: in the parlour one old bedstead five blankets			
Four pair of sheets a cupboard ---	0	16	00
It: in the Chamber one bedstead two old curtains			
two Wool pillows a old chair two old coffer ---	0	07	06
It: In the house one old bell mettall pot a little			
Kettle and some other old things ----	0	07	00
It: In the Buttery two little barrels one tub			
And a little kettle ----	0	05	06
It: In the yard a ladder ----	0	01	00

all 3- 07-00

by us
Wm. Worcester
Thomas parnell Apprisors
William dixey



